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Dr Cecilia Costiniuk is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases and Chronic Viral Illness Service at the McGill University Health Centre, and a clinician-scientist at the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre in Montreal, Canada. Her research program is focused on the interplay between HIV reservoirs and pulmonary immune disturbances and HIV lung reservoirs in people with HIV. In parallel, she studies the immunomodulatory effects of cannabinoids on HIV-associated inflammation and comorbidities. Dr Costiniuk co-leads the Canadian HIV Trials Network Plus (CTN+) Cure and Immunotherapy Think Tank where she contributes to defining the scientific agenda for cure and immunotherapies research in Canada. She is also a principal investigator within the Canadian HIV Cure Enterprise (CanCURE) 3.0, a research collaboratory focused on studying HIV persistence during antiretroviral therapy and developing strategies towards a sustainable HIV remission. At her institution, she has implemented a research autopsy protocol for PWH interested in donating tissues post mortem to advance HIV cure research. Dr Costiniuk also works closely with members of the community advisory committees of both the CTN+ and CanCURE to design and conduct studies related to participant perspectives on HIV cure research. Dr Costiniuk was a 2022 recipient of the Canadian Association for HIV Research – Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research (CAHR-CANFAR) Excellence in HIV Research Award in recognition of her track record of excellence and her demonstrated commitment to improving the lives of those living with, or at risk for, HIV.